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PRESIDENT TO VISIT PANAMA

Will Make Personal Inspection of Work On Canal.

TAFT, SHONTS, AND OTHERS WILL GO

Roosevelt Will Make Thorough Study of Conditions, and Gather Information for Benefit of Congress. May Leave in October.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 23.—President Roosevelt will visit the isthmus of Panama to make a personal investigation of the work of construction of the Panama Canal. This announcement was made at the White House late this afternoon by Secretary Loh, after a conference with the President. It is expected the President will leave Washington for Panama the latter part of next October or in the early days of November. He will be accompanied by three weeks. The trip probably will be made on one of the big cruisers of the navy, but what vessel will carry the President and his party is not yet known.

Will Study Conditions.

The decision, announced today, that he would visit the canal zone, and that he was under consideration for a considerable time. It is the expectation that the President will be able to spend at least a week on the canal zone, and in that time he will familiarize himself with the situation by a study of it at close range. He believes a personal visit to the canal zone will enable him to gather information that will be of immense advantage, not only to the canal work itself, but to Congress and to the American people. Above all, it will enable him to handle with an absolute knowledge of the situation, the great problem which constantly arises in connection with the work of canal construction and administration.

In connection with the announcement of the President's intention to visit Panama, Secretary Loh said that the President had decided to participate in the ceremonies incident to the laying of the cornerstone of the new Federal building. The people of San Francisco and of California generally, were very anxious that he should be in San Francisco at that time. While the President, it can be said, desires to do anything he properly can to promote the reconstruction of the city, so nearly destroyed by earthquake and conflagration, he cannot make the trip to Panama and attend the ceremonies at the same time.

Abandons Western Trip.

For several weeks the President has been considering the matter of making a trip next spring through the Middle West, touching points in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma and perhaps other States. He had hoped to make the trip in order to attend the commencement exercises of some agricultural colleges and State institutions. Since the announcement of the likelihood of his taking the trip such a mass of invitations has been received from almost every State in the Union that the President finally has decided not to make the trip at all. It became evident that if he should accept one-tenth of the invitations he has received the trip would occupy two or three months. The probability is that he will go next May to Lansing, Mich., to attend the semi-centennial celebration of the establishment of agricultural colleges in this country.

There he will meet many of the prominent educators of the country. The trip will be brief, occupying probably not more than four or five days.

American Gets Contract.

The Isthmian Canal Commission today awarded the contract for the two escarpment dredges to the Maryland Steel Company, of Baltimore, the lowest American bidder, at their bid of \$662,000 each.

The lowest bidder was William Simon, of Scotland, but the award to the Baltimore concern was made by reason of the recent act of Congress that all purchases for the Isthmian Canal should be confined to products of the United States except where it was shown that American bids were unreasonable and extortionate. At the offices of the Canal Commission it was stated that the bid of the Baltimore concern was not unreasonable and extortionate, and therefore the contract was given to them.

A meeting of the directors of the Panama Railway will be held in New York June 25th, preparatory to the departure of the Isthmian Canal Commission for the canal zone on the following day. Chairman Shonts and all the members of the commission have completed arrangements to sail for the isthmus on the steamer Panama, and will remain in the canal zone until they have worked out complete plans for the construction of the lock canal.

SOUGHT SHELTER UNDER CAR; 2 KILLED, 1 HURT

(By Associated Press.)
STREUBENVILLE, O., June 23.—Out of a crowd of fourteen laborers, who sought shelter from the rain under a car on a siding at the Isthmian Canal zone, two were killed and one injured when a shifting engine moved the car. The dead and injured were foreigners.

Under Civil Service.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 23.—President Roosevelt has signed an executive order placing under the Civil Service regulations all of the employees of the Fifth Avenue District in North Carolina.

ROCKEFELLER IS NOT DISTURBED

Will Come Back to America On July 20th, As Planned.

HIGH OFFICIALS BEYOND REACH

Department of Justice Has Little Hope of Being Able to Get at Them—Rockefeller Says He Has No Connection With Standard.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch and New York World.)
COMPEIGNE, FRANCE, June 23.—John D. Rockefeller, when informed by a correspondent today of the announcement made by the American government that it was about to institute criminal proceedings against Standard Oil officials, and that he could not hope to escape service of a government subpoena should he return to New York soon, as he had contemplated, said:

"This matter will make absolutely no change in my plans. I shall return to New York on the steamer 'America' on July 20th, as I had originally planned to do."

No Connection, He Says.

There is every reason to believe that the prosecution of the Standard Oil officials has not been unexpected by him. For the past week Mr. Rockefeller has been eagerly every day for the latest news from America. He has inquired particularly regarding the railroad rate bill, and whether it has been passed.

Without Another Word He Remounted His Wheel and Rode Away.

Mr. Rockefeller seemed agitated, but after riding a hundred yards he dismounted again and returned to the party. When asked for some further statement, Mr. Rockefeller said:

"I don't think I'd better say anything. After repeated urging from the correspondent he finally said that I had no connection with the Standard Oil Company for the past twelve years, and that I have not been at its offices for seven years. I don't know anything about this proceeding. I have no information concerning any of the matters that it touches."

Changing the Subject, Mr. Rockefeller remarked, laughingly:

"You must brush up on shuffleboard for the ocean voyage back."

LEADING OFFICERS OF TRUST IMMUNE

Moody, However, Will Reach us High Up as Possible—Confers With President.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 23.—It was stated at the Department of Justice this afternoon that Attorney-General Moody would be ready the latter part of this week to submit to the grand jury the testimony which he has gathered in the Standard Oil trust. Information as to where such would be filed could not be obtained. It is reported that suits will be instituted in Ohio, and probably in Illinois.

Trust Chiefs Immune.

The Department of Justice has no hope of convicting any of the high officials of the Standard Oil, such as Mr. Rockefeller, or Mr. Rogers, or Mr. Archibald. This is known positively. The department will try to get the highest officials possible, but it is not hopeful of putting original testimony before a grand jury in the councils of the oil monopoly.

Several months ago Messrs. Archibald and Rogers came to Washington and had a conference of two hours' duration. The nature of their business has never been divulged. John D. Rockefeller is in Europe, but it is known he did not go across for the purpose of escaping the courts.

He knows, just as the department knows, that he is in no danger of losing the hand of the law on his shoulder.

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ANARCHISTS PURSUE KING ON HONEYMOON

Suspicious-Looking Man Tried to Intercept Alfonso and Queen at La Granja.

(By Associated Press.)
LA GRANJA, SPAIN, June 23.—At the moment King Alfonso and Queen Victoria arrived here from the theatre in their automobile last night, a well-dressed individual evaded the guards and sought to intercept the royal couple. He was arrested and gave the name of Jose Maria, of Madrid. When the prisoner was searched, papers of a suspicious nature and considerable money were found upon him. An Italian who acted in a strange manner was also arrested. He claimed that he was on his way to Bilbao looking for work, but he was unable to account for his presence in this unfrequented place, where the King and Queen are spending their honeymoon.

The authorities have adopted extreme vigilance owing to reports that a number of dangerous anarchists are on their way to Spain and a rigid inspection has been established at the frontier. Nevertheless, the King and Queen frequently leave the palace unaccompanied and take walks in the park.

GOVERNMENT CHAMPION AND HEADS OF OIL TRUST.



TILLMAN HURLS CHARGE IN VAIN

Senate, Silent Under Indictment of Police, Confirms Nomination of Barnes.

DRAMATIC SCENE IN HALL

South Carolinian Exhibited Skirt Showing That Mrs. Morris Was Trampled Upon.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 23.—Benjamin F. Barnes, assistant secretary to the President, was today confirmed by the Senate as postmaster at Washington. The vote was 35 to 16, and by the same vote a resolution was defeated providing for an investigation of the incident in March, when, by order of Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Minor Morris was ejected from the White House offices, where she has sought an audience with the President to urge him to reappoint her husband to a position in the public health and marine hospital service, from which he had been removed. The nomination had been pending in the Senate since April 2d.

Dramatic Scene.

The procedure in the Senate, though behind closed doors, was dramatic in the extreme. Senator Tillman went over the testimony which he had gathered in the Standard Oil trust, and discussed it at length with the committee. He was then refused to enter upon an investigation of the woman's attitude, but he was allowed to discuss it at length with the committee. He was then refused to enter upon an investigation of the woman's attitude, but he was allowed to discuss it at length with the committee.

Wounded Three Times.

One of his seven sons, Dr. Powhatan Bouldin Cabell, died in Florence, Ala., in 1869. The others were all Confederate soldiers. The oldest, Dr. John R. Cabell, a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, served throughout the war of 1861 and was afterwards major-general in the State service.

Will Report Charges.

Two votes were had by the Senate, the first on a resolution by Senator Culler providing for an investigation of the incident, and the second on the nomination of Mr. Barnes. In order that the country should be informed of the entire affair.

COL. CABELL DIES AFTER OPERATION

Well-Known Virginian and Former Member of Congress Passes Away.

HAD DISTINGUISHED CAREER

Served in Lower Branch of National Legislature for Twelve Years.

BALTIMORE, MD., June 23.—Ex-Congressman George C. Cabell, of Danville, Va., died at the Union Protestant Infirmary to-night, following an operation performed yesterday for the removal of gall-stones. He was sixty-nine years of age.

Structure of Infamy.

Referring to the anti-bucket shop bill, the measure in which he was personally interested, Gethro says:

YACHT AND SCHOONERS SINK; MANY DROWNED

Cyclonic Storm Strikes Jersey Coast, Causing Waterspouts and Wrecking Ships.

MISS ADA NEWMAN KILLED BY BEING DRAGGED BY HORSE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FRONT ROYAL, VA., June 23.—Miss Ada Newman, of Baltimore, who was dragged over a half-mile by a runaway horse, died before medical assistance could reach her side.

DEPOSED GRAFTER TO EXPOSE GANG

Gethro Confesses, but Says He Will Clean Massachusetts Legislature Out.

COMMITTEE PROMISED TO "SEE HIM THROUGH" IF HE STOOD FIRM.

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, MASS., June 23.—In a statement issued to-night, Frank J. Gethro, who on Thursday was expelled from the Massachusetts House of Representatives, after having been found guilty of attempting to bribe fellow legislators, further says, to avenge his expulsion, he will expose every member of the House who has been connected in any bribery proceedings.

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JURY ACCUSES WESTERN UNION

Fireman Wright's Death Was Due to Electric Shock.

SAYS COMPANY WAS NEGLIGENT

Passenger and Power and Western Union Companies Disregarded City Ordinance Requiring Underground Wires, Says Jury.

The investigation of the coroner's jury into the cause of the death of E. M. Wright, the fireman, who was killed Thursday night at a fire on the Journal building, was concluded yesterday afternoon the jury bringing in a verdict which places the responsibility of Fireman Wright's death squarely upon the shoulders of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

The Verdict in Full is Given Here:

"The jurors sworn to inquire when, how and by what means the said Eugene M. Wright came to his death, upon their oath to say that he came to his death on the 21st day of June, 1906.

W. M. H. TAYLOR, M. D., Coroner.

W. W. MORTON, Foreman.

CHAS. A. BROWN, S. S. ELAM, LEON LITTELBACH, W. SMITH, JOHN E. GILMAN.

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